



TANTEX Governing Board Meeting Minutes – October 2014

Subject	TANTEX Governing Board (GoB) Meeting – October 2014	Date	10/05/2014
Meeting Chair	Vijay Mohan Kakarla, President of TANTEX		
Facilitator	Krishna Reddy Uppalapati, Secretary of TANTEX	Time	2.30 PM
Location	Bhima Penta Office 1300 W Walnut Hill Ln, #175 Irving, TX 75038		

Attendees		
	1. Balki Chamkura	2. Neeraja Padigela (Not Present)
	3. Chinasatyam Veernapu	4. Sharada Singireddy
	5. Chandrasekhar Kaja (Not Present)	6. Subramanyam Jonnalagadda
	7. Jyothi Vanam	8. Venkat Danda
	9. Krishnaveni Seelam (Excused)	10. Subhashini Pentakota (Not Present)
	11. Krishna Reddy Uppalapati	12. Suresh Manduva (CC)
	13. Mahesh Aditya Adibhatla	14. Vijay Mohan Kakarla
	15. Dr. Narasimha Reddy Urimindi	16. Shashikanth Kanaparthi
	17. Sunil Devireddy (CC)	18. Raghu Chittimalla
	19. Raghu Gajjala (CC)	20. Venu Pavuluri (CC)
	21. Sreelu Mandiga (CC)	22. Ajay reddy (CC)
	23. Sukan Chagarlamudi	24. Srinivas R Gurram (Not Present)
	25. Murthy Mulukutla (Not Present)	26. Dr. C.R. Rao

Key Points Discussed		
No.	Agenda Items	Meeting Highlights

1	Previous EC meeting minutes: Review & Approval	Raghu Chittimalla proposed and Venkat Danda seconded the September 7 th meeting minutes.
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2	Treasurer's report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treasurer Chinasatyam Veernapu went over the receivables and expenses for various TANTEX events including Nela Nela Telugu Vennela 86th Texas Saahitya Sadassu <p>The meeting Chair Vijay Mohan Kakarla mentioned that Bawarchi will be the caterer for Deepavali Vedukalu.</p> <p>Chair Vijay Mohan Kakarla requested EC and BoT to raise funds for the upcoming Deepavali Vedukalu.</p> <p>The Meeting Chair expressed that Wednesday October 8th will be the last day for TANTEX GoB members to contribute \$200 towards Mahatma Gandhi Memorial of North Texas.</p> <p>It may be observed that the total amount of contribution from life members will not have exact match with the savings funds in life membership restricted fund account for multiple reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As there are few annual members who converted to life membership. The annual members who pay \$20.00 who upgrade to life membership pay the difference of \$180.00. Only the \$180.00 get transferred to the savings account. 2) Prior to 2007 By-Laws of TANTEX does not restrict life membership funds and often life members funds were utilized towards operating expenses. This process was stopped after instituting the 2009 By-Laws.
3	Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No new Life members joined since the last EC meeting from September 07, 2014. The total number of Life Members as of October 5th 2014, are 1011 (One thousand one hundred and eleven) members. All 1011 life members are eligible to vote for 2014 elections.
4	2014 Election Committee formation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Below are the members selected for the election committee 2014 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bhima Penta – (Past BoT category) Chandrasekhar Kanneganti (Past President/Past Office Bearer category) Dr. Krishna Bapatla (Past President category) Ravi Kona (Substitute for past EC category) Sharath Reddy Yerram (Members at Large category) The above members were unanimously approved as 2014 Election Members. The amount for election applicants to contest for the 2014 elections has been fixed at \$250.00.

5	Marketing and Sponsor Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Krishnaveni Seelam Chair for Marketing is out of town and Chinasatyam Veernapu is substituting her efforts.• Chair requested EC and BoT to approach vendors to setup booths for the Deepavali Vedula.• Based on the opinion from GoB the the price of the vendor booth for Deepavali Vedula has been fixed at \$150.00 for general and \$100.00 for Non-Profit organizations.
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Upcoming Events

Annual General Body Meeting:

- The general body meeting is on October 19th 2014.
- Chair requested that GoB members be presented on 19th October, 2014 and requested to bring friends and well-wishers of TANTEX.
- Chair expressed that the General Body slide deck will be reviewed by the GoB over a dinner meeting. Time, Date and Venue is indeterminate at this time.

Observer update:

Ramakrishna Reddy Rodda who is a life member attended the meeting as an observer. He proposed the following:

- Communication – Life member Ramakrishna Reddy Rodda suggested that the GoB meetings should be announced to the life members, that way the members have a choice whether or not to attend.
- Amendment – A proposal was put during the meeting and further requested to be put as amendment for General Body meeting. Each BoT member should attend 60% of the TANTEX activities.
- BoT quota – Ramakrishna Reddy Rodda observed that the BoT quota of 5 may not be increased because the count of Life Members stands at 1011 and to increase the quota to 7 BoT's, the life members should be a minimum of 1050 or greater.

Scholarships:

Chair updated that there are 5 applications received from the community. The committee concluded that all 5 applicants deserve for the TANTEX scholarships. The scholarships will be presented to the children during Deepavali Vedukalu. The scholarship amount is indeterminate at this time.

NATS Update:

A discussion prevailed by the chair and he updated that the co-sponsor from the NATS Sambaraalu 2013 is still pending. He requested the past president Suresh Manduva to send a final reminder to the then Ravi Madala copy

Deepavali Vedukalu:

- The following external artists have been confirmed:
 - Singer Deepu
 - Singer Sharath Chandra
 - Janapada singer Madhu Priya
 - Dancer Ravi Teja
 - Actress Pinky

- The time format has been divided as 90 minutes between external and local artists each.
- Dinner would begin at 5.30 PM at the venue.
- Sharada Singireddy requested to include “Peneelu” as a dish for Deepavali Vedukalu 2014.
- Bawarchi will be the food vendor for 2014 Deepavali Vedukalu.
- Raghu Gajjala is soon confirming Omega travels sponsorship at Deepavali dinner up to the worth of \$300.00.
- Sharada Singireddy updated that TANTEX jingles will be used for the upcoming Deepavali Vedukalu. The jingles will be both specific to Deepavali and generic jingle that can be used for future TANTEX activities.
- There are 4 cultural entries thus far for the Deepavali Vedukalu.
- Shashi Kanaparthi requested audio/video files to be presented and finalized 1 week prior to the event.
- Balki Chamkura requested sponsors for Deepavali Telugu Velugu edition.
- Balki Chamkura requested the list of activities/programs from the respective chairs for publication in Telugu Velugu

Sports Day:

- Venkat Danda invited the GoB to the Sports Day scheduled for 11/08/2014 at Andy Brown Park, Coppell.
- Venkat Danda offered a suggestion to include past presidents of TANTEX for the Sports Day.

Annual Picnic:

- Chair suggested the idea of organizing an annual picnic in November. Chair offered Lake Texoma as the place. More details to be finalized and offered by the Chair.

TANTEX Alumni:

- Chair mentioned the alumni will comprise of old, new volunteers, TANTEX GOB members. The tentative date for the alumni meet will be on 11/22/14.

NNTV:

- Mahesh Adibhatla invited the GoB to the 87th NNTV event scheduled for 10/18/2014.

7	Open Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair requested GoB participation for the NATA board meeting in Houston during the dates of 10/10/14 to 10/12/14.
8	Meeting Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at 6:14 PM by the Chair, Vijay Mohan Kakarla.

Action Plan

<u>No.</u>	<u>Action Item(s)</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Target Date</u>
1.	To prepare initial version of "List of duties for nominated committees". Also prepare all committees names and chairs contact info with structured format.	Mahesh Adibhatla	10/30/2014
2.	Follow up on Liability Insurance	Subbu Jonnalagadda	09/30/2014